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NARR/REF A IS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS (ASD(HA))

MEMORANDUM, GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR THE 2013-2014

INFLUENZA SEASON. REF B IS CURRENT ASD(HA) POLICY 08-005, POLICY FOR

MANDATORY SEASONAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION FOR CIVILIAN HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

WHO PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) MEDICAL

TREATMENT FACILITIES (MTFS). REF C IS THE BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

(BUMED) POLICY ON THE HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

PROGRAM. REF D IS CURRENT BUMED POLICY ON IMMUNIZATIONS AND

CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS. REF E PROVIDES DOD IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE

2013-2014 INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM. REF F IS ASD(HA) MEMORANDUM,

SENTINEL SITES FOR 2013-2014 INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM.//

RMKS/1. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS,

HEALTH SERVICES AND U.S. FLEET FORCES COMMAND, SURGEON'S OFFICE.

TRANSMISSION TO MARINE CORPS AND FLEET ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED.

2. GOALS. PER REF A, THE DOD SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION GOAL IS TO EXCEED 90 PERCENT IMMUNIZATION OF ALL ACTIVE COMPONENT AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL BY 16 DECEMBER 2013. THE GOAL IS TO USE VACCINE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH RAPID ADMINISTRATION AND AGGRESSIVE SHOT EXERCISES AND TO MINIMIZE QUANTITIES STORED LOCALLY.

3. CHIEF BUMED'S INTENT:

A. MTFS IN RECEIPT OF THE 2013-2014 SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE SHALL PROVIDE ACCESS TO ANY TRICARE BENEFICIARY PRESENTING FOR IMMUNIZATION REGARDLESS OF LOCAL ENROLLMENT OR HEALTH-STATUS PRIORITIZATION. ALL RESERVISTS WHO PRESENT A VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE INFLUENZA VACCINE.

B. ROUTINE ANNUAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION IS RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PERSONS AGED 6 MONTHS AND OLDER AND MANDATORY FOR ALL ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL. MORE THAN ONE MILLION INFLUENZA VACCINE DOSES HAVE BEEN PROCURED TO PROTECT SERVICE MEMBERS AND OTHER BENEFICIARIES. IN THE EVENT OF UNANTICIPATED VACCINE SHORTAGES, FURTHER DETAILED PRIORITIZATION GUIDELINES WILL BE PUBLISHED.

4. INFLUENZA VACCINE PRIORITIES. INFLUENZA VACCINATION CAMPAIGNS ARE RUN TO ENSURE MISSION READINESS AND TO PROTECT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. USE FIRST AVAILABLE VACCINE TO IMMUNIZE THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

A. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ORDERED TO DEPLOY IN SUPPORT OF AN OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT OR ASSIGNED TO ANY SHIP.

B. MEDICALLY HIGH RISK PEOPLE, HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN DIRECT PATIENT CARE, AND NAVY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WHERE INFLUENZA VACCINATION IS WRITTEN IN THEIR POSITION DESCRIPTION AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT.

(1) PER REF B, DOD MTFS MUST DOCUMENT AND RECORD THE VACCINATION OR EXEMPTION FOR EACH CIVILIAN HEALTHCARE WORKER IN DIRECT PATIENT CARE, AS DEFINED BY REF C.

(2) NAVY MTFS SHALL REPORT COMPLIANCE WITH REF B TO LCDR ERIC DEUSSING, E-MAIL: ERIC.DEUSSING(AT)MED.NAVY.MIL, NO LATER THAN 1 APRIL 2014.

C. BASIC AND ADVANCED TRAINEES, OFFICER TRAINEES, MIDSHIPMEN AND THE TRAINING CADRE OF THESE PERSONNEL.

D. ALL OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL.

E. ALL OTHER CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS DOD CIVILIAN AND CONTRACT EMPLOYEES.

F. ALL OTHER ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES AND DOD CIVILIANS. UNLESS SIGNIFICANT SHORTAGES EXIST, ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES AND CIVILIANS WILL NOT BE DENIED INFLUENZA VACCINE UPON REQUEST.

5. INFLUENZA VACCINES. INJECTABLE INACTIVATED INFLUENZA VACCINES AND INTRANASAL QUADRIVALENT LIVE ATTENUATED INFLUENZA VACCINE COMPRISE THE DOD INFLUENZA VACCINE SUPPLY. A LIST AND DESCRIPTION OF DOD CONTRACTED VACCINES MAY BE FOUND AT THE NAVY ON-LINE VACCINE INFORMATION AND LOGISTICS SYSTEM (VIALS). THE CAC-ENABLED VIALS WEB SITE IS LOCATED AT [HTTPS://GOV_ONLY.NMLC.MED.NAVY.MIL/INT_CODE03/VIALS/](https://gov_only.nmlc.med.navy.mil/int_code03/vials/).

6. VACCINES WILL BE ADMINISTERED PER THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES.

A. PER REF D, COMMANDS SHALL ADMINISTER AND FOLLOW ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES, AND THE PRESCRIBING INFORMATION IN THE MANUFACTURERS' PACKAGE INSERTS.

B. FOR SERVICE MEMBERS IN AN ACTIVE FLYING STATUS (DIFOPS) EXPOSED TO ALTITUDE AS PART OF THEIR CAREER FIELD, INJECTABLE VACCINE IS PREFERRED BECAUSE OF ITS SHORTER POST-ADMINISTRATION GROUNDING PERIOD (12 VERSUS 72

HOURS) AND ITS Milder Side Effects Profile. Personnel in an Active Flying Status with Routine Exposure to Altitude will observe the Grounding Period Guidance provided in Section 18.5, Navy Aeromedical Reference and Waiver Guide.

C. Service Members in an Active Diving Status are authorized to receive intranasal; however, injectable remains the preferred vaccine.

7. Ref E provides detailed instructions about Influenza Vaccine receipt and handling. A copy of these instructions may be obtained at

[HTTP://WWW.VACCINES.MIL/INFLUENZA](http://www.vaccines.mil/influenza).

A. Temperature monitors will be in all Influenza Vaccine shipments. Each shipment will contain a handling sheet with instructions for returning alarmed and no-alarm temperature monitors. If the shipment is in an alarmed status, the vaccine cannot be used until the temperature monitor is received. Prompt return of all temperature monitors is critical. Disposition for alarmed temperature monitors will be provided within 24 hours of receipt of the monitor by Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support Branch (DLA-TSB)).

B. When vaccine has been compromised post-receipt (e.g., refrigerator malfunction), contact DLA-TSB and Naval Medical Logistics Command (NMLC). To streamline the reporting and disposition process, complete the potentially compromised vaccine events worksheet located at [HTTP://WWW.USAMMA.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL/DOC.CFM](http://www.usamma.amedd.army.mil/doc.cfm). Return the vaccine immediately to refrigeration and DLA-TSB will provide disposition within 24 hours of receiving the worksheet.

C. Units are advised to keep an appropriate quantity of boxes and gel packs on hand for local shipping needs throughout the season. All personnel performing trans-shipment of vaccine need to be trained by DLA and must contact DLA-TSB prior to trans-shipment.

D. Influenza Vaccine orders for Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Commands will be shipped directly to the Reserve Commands and not to their aligned MTF. Reserve Commands must adhere to cold chain requirements.

8. Vaccine Distribution. The single source of Influenza Vaccine is the established DoD centralized distribution system, coordinated and controlled by NMLC. VIALS is the requisition system tool for seasonal and emerging Influenza Vaccines. VIALS simplifies vaccine requisitions and enables Commands to track vaccine orders electronically from requisition to receipt. Coordinate orders for additional vaccine through VIALS. All subsequent requisitions submitted will be reviewed by NMLC and DLA-TSB and substitutions may be made to ensure equitable distribution of Influenza Vaccine when and where needed. Close coordination between activity supply and logistic officers with NMLC and DLA-TSB is required.

9. Intranasal Considerations. The manufacturer's replacement program allows units to exchange expiring intranasal vaccine for newly manufactured vaccine with 2014 expiration dates. The replacement program is available for all intranasal vaccines shipped prior to 30 September 2013. Contact NMLC for additional information.

10. Immunization Documentation:

A. Senior leadership maintains a high interest in the progress of the Influenza Vaccine campaign. Medical Readiness Reporting System (MRRS) will be used to enter vaccination status and monitor compliance for military personnel.

B. Per Ref D, documentation should include date vaccine administered,

VACCINE NAME OR CODE, MANUFACTURER, LOT NUMBER, DOSE, VACCINE ADMINISTRATION ROUTE, AND ANATOMIC SITE.

C. USE THE FOLLOWING CODES FOR VACCINE ADMINISTERED (CVX) TO DOCUMENT IMMUNIZATION: CVX 140 (INFLUENZA, SEASONAL INJECTABLE, PRESERVATIVE FREE), CVX 141 (INFLUENZA, SEASONAL, INJECTABLE), CVX 149 (INTRANASAL), AND CVX 153 (CELL CULTURE, INFLUENZA VACCINE).

D. CVX CODES 15, 16, AND 111 SHOULD NOT BE USED TO DOCUMENT VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN THE 2013-2014 INFLUENZA SEASON.

11. ADDITIONAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) APPROVED INFLUENZA VACCINES (E.G., HIGH DOSE, INTRADERMAL, AND QUADRIVALENT INJECTABLE) ARE NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DOD CENTRAL PURCHASING CONTRACTS OR PRIME VENDOR PROGRAM. THESE VACCINES MAY BE PURCHASED VIA DIRECT VENDOR BUYS AND COMMANDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS INVOLVED IF THESE VACCINES ARE CHOSEN. REF E LISTS THE SPECIFIC CVX CODES ASSOCIATED WITH THESE VACCINES.

12. A VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENT (VIS) FOR EACH VACCINE SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR RECIPIENTS OF THE VACCINE.

13. TRICARE VACCINE PROGRAM. BENEFICIARIES MAY RECEIVE INFLUENZA VACCINES FOR ZERO COPAYMENT AT PARTICIPATING RETAIL NETWORK PHARMACIES. SERVICE MEMBERS WHO RECEIVE INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS FROM RETAIL NETWORK PHARMACIES SHOULD PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF IMMUNIZATION NO LATER THAN THE NEXT DUTY DAY FOLLOWING VACCINATION.

14. INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS SURVEILLANCE OF ACTIVE DUTY AND CIVILIAN POPULATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED PER REF E.

15. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

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